

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, May 21, 1985 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers with all members present.

Members of the press notified (by mail): Seneca Journal, Keowee Courier, Greenville News, Anderson Independent, WGOG Radio & WSNW Radio.

Press

Members of the press present: Dale Perry - Greenville News, Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Randall Holcombe - Seneca Journal, Mary Heaton - Anderson Independent, Wayne Gaillimore - WSNW Radio & Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chairman Crain who welcomed the guests and media.

The invocation was given by Mr. Butts.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the May 7, 1985 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

First on the agenda was a public hearing concerning the 1985-86 budget including \$193,000 revenue sharing funds. Mr. Cater, Treasurer of Oconee County, addressed Council concerning the salaries of elected officials in the county. Mr. Cater stated he felt the elected officials were being treated unfairly and the county portion of his salary should be at least \$16,000 with his total salary being \$28,000.

Public hearing  
1985-86  
budget

Mr. Wes Lothery, Director of Mental Health also addressed Council with a request for \$25,000 for Mental Health for fiscal year 1985-86. Mr. Lothery stated he had no objections to reporting to Council four (4) times per year.

Mr. Crain also read the attached letter that was sent to the Comptroller's Office requesting that taxes not be raised this year.

Mr. Doyle Kay of the Anderson-Oconee Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission gave the attached report to Council. Mr. Kay stated the biggest problem at this time was beer, especially with Junior High School students.

Alcohol &  
Drug report

Mr. Walt Purcell, Oconee County Emergency Preparedness Director and Mrs. Coleman Jennings of Duke Power addressed Council concerning the EPA Drill that will be held June 19, 1985. Also the sirens will be tested on July 30, 1985 in both Oconee & Pickens Counties.

EPA report

Mr. Mike Wigington, Civil Defense Worker expressed his appreciation to Council for their support of Emergency Preparedness.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar that Ordinance 85-5, "1985-86 Oconee County Budget Ordinance" be adopted on second reading.

Ord. 85-5

Mr. Harper then made a motion that Ordinance 85-5 be amended so that \$16,000 be taken from contingency and given to Mental Health in 1985-86 budget. This motion was seconded by Dr. Earle and approved 5 - 0.

Ordinance 85-5, as amended, was adopted on second reading 5 - 0.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 3 - 2 (Mr. Butts, Mr. Dyar & Mr. Williams voting in favor, Dr. Earle & Mr. Harper voting against) that Clements Electric be awarded the bid to install some new wiring at South Cove at \$4,094 plus \$20.00 per hour for any cut water and electrical lines.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Ace Door Co. be awarded the bid to replace some hanger doors at the airport at \$19,550.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 4 - 1 (Dr. Earle voting against) the I.H.M. and Martin Office Supply be awarded the bid for furniture for the new addition of the Seneca Branch of the Oconee County Library and they also be given permission to purchase a newspaper holder from Gaylord Co. since no one bid to the specifications on that item. The cost of the furnishings is \$23,576.56.

The Intergovernmental & Personnel Committee set a meeting Thursday, May 30, 1985 at 9:00 AM in Council Chambers to discuss health insurance for fiscal year 1985-86.

Immediately following this meeting, the Law Enforcement Committee set a meeting also in Council Chambers.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfers (no new monies) be approved.

At the request of Sheriff Holcombe, Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the administrative position in the Sheriff's Office be made a civilian or a deputized position at the discretion of the Sheriff.

Mr. Crain informed Council that he and members of the Hands Organization would be meeting with Mr. Fedder, the County Attorney May 28, 1985 to discuss the possibility of a contract with Helping Hands for the placement of children in the county in need of somewhere to stay either on a long term or short term basis.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams approved 5 - 0 that the attached contract with DHEC be adopted.

Wiring at

Airport

Library

Intergov. & Personnel meeting

LEC meeting

Transfers

Sheriff's request

Helping Hands

DHEC Contract

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Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that Council go into executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

Executive

When Council went back into open session Mr. Crain announced that Council had discussed the possibility of entering into a contract for the services of a dog to be used in Law Enforcement. Mr. Crain referred this to Committee.

Adjourn: 5:10 PM



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Norman D. Crain  
Supervisor-Chairman  
Oconee County Council